

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed on November 6, 2009. By the present amendment, Claims 48-54 have been cancelled. In view of the amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, Claims 48-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,485,952 to Fontayne (“Fontayne”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,079,606 to Milliman et al. (“Milliman”). In the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicants have hereby cancelled Claims 48-54. Therefore, the rejection of Claims 48-54 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fontayne in view of Milliman has been rendered moot. Applicants, however, hereby reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of each of Claims 48-54 in at least one Continuation and/or Divisional application.

Allowable Subject Matter

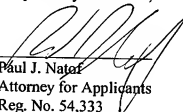
In the Office Action, Claims 32-36 and 39-47 have been allowed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of Claims 32-36 and 39-47.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application, namely Claims 32-36 and 39-47, are in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, she is requested to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney at her convenience. Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) that may become due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s), to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

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